When you take it off, you muſt keep almoſt continually ſtirring it, in order to make it Sugar: otherwiſe it will candy as hard as a Rock.

Some put in a little Beef Sewet, as big as a Walnut, when they take it off the Fire, to make it turn the better to Sugar, and to prevent its candying, but it will do without. A good large Tree will yield twenty Gallons. The Seaſon of the Year is from the beginning of *February* to the beginning of *April*.

Mr. Dudley *in a following Letter adds this Note.*

I have nothing to add to my Chapter of Maple Sugar, but that our Phyſicians look upon it not only to be as good for common uſe as the *Weſt India* Sugar, but to exceed all other for its Medicinal Virtue.

VIII. *Copy of an Affidavit made in* Scotland, *concerning a Boy's living a conſiderable time without Food. Communicated by* Patrick Blair, M. D. F. R. S.

Court of the Barony of Erroll, *holden at* Erroll, *upon the 26th day of* December, 1719 *Year. By Mr.* Charles Brown, *Bailly to the Right Honourable* David *Earle of* Northesk, *Lord* Roeſhill, *&c.* Gilbert Anthone, *Clerk*, Charles Gill, *Officer.*

Court lawfully fenced and affirmed.

THE whilk Day Compeared before the ſaid Bailly ſitting in Judgment, *James Jackſon* ſewar in *Carſe Grange*, and *Eliz. Bell* his Spouſe, who being purged of partial

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partial Council, ſolemnly Sworne and Interrogat, Depons, That *Gilbert Jackſon*, their ſixth Son, being about Fifteen Years of Age, fell ſick, and complained of pains over all his Body, upon the 3d day of *February*, 1716. when King *George* his Army was marching by their Dwelling Houſe from *Perth* to *Dundee*; and toward the end of the ſaid Month, was ſeized with a violent Fever, in which he continued for three Weeks, and then recover'd.

2. That he fell in a Fever again the beginning of *April* thereafter, wherein he alſo continued for the ſpace of three Weeks; and during that Fever, he had a ſhaking in his Body, as if he had been paralytick.

3. Upon the 10th day of *June* following, he fell in a great Fever again, when he became Dumb, loſt his Stomach intirely, and the uſe of his Limbs, and continued without eating or drinking any kind of thing, tho' all means were uſed to make him do both; but recovered of his Fever upon the 17th day of *May*, 1717. but continued ſtill Dumb, without eating or drinking, or having the uſe of his Limbs, till the 10th day of *June* the ſaid Year, when he was again ſeized with an extraordinary Fever, and the next day recovered his Speech; but continued in the Fever, without eating or drinking any thing at all, or having the uſe of any of his Limbs, till the 11th day of *November* following; when he recovered his Health pretty well, and the ſtrength of one of his Legs. And thus he continued without eating or drinking, only waſhed his Mouth ſometimes with Water; and always, when he ſaw the reſt of the Family going to take any kind of Food, the ſight of it being altogether uneaſie to him, he retired.

Upon the 10th day of *June*, 1718 year, he fell in a Fever again, which continued till the beginning of *September* thereafter, when he recovered of the ſaid Fever,

tho' he never could be induced to take any kind of Meat or Drink; and thus he continued in pretty good Health, and freſh coloured, till the 9th day of *June*, 1719. when he was ſeized again with a ſevere Fever; and upon the 10th at Night, his Father preſſed him extreamly to take a little Milk boiled with Oat-meal, which at length he agreed to; and he took a Spoonful of it, which ſtuck ſo long in his Throat, that his Parents thought he had been choaked; and ever ſince he has taken a little Food, but ſo very little, that a Halfpenny Loaf ſerves him eight Days. That all the time he faſted, he never had any Evacuation either by Stool or Urine; and it was fourteen or fifteen days after he began to eat, that he got any benefit that way; and that he is now in pretty good Health, but ſtill wants the uſe of one of his Limbs. And this is the Truth, as we ſhall anſwer to God.

James Jackson,
Elizabeth Bell,
Charles Browne, Baily.
Gilbert Anthone, Clerk.

IX. *A Diſcourſe concerning a Method of diſcovering the Virtues of Plants by their external Structure. By the ſame.*

HAving hitherto delivered my Thoughts concerning the ſtructure of the Flowers, Fructification, various Methods, Generation and Nouriſhment of Plants, I now come to add ſomewhat concerning their Virtues. I cannot enough admire the Judiciouſneſs and Sagacity of